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among the native population. The total record for the epidemic since January 8, 1907, is 366 cases, 354 deaths. The sanitary inspector at Djeddah reports that the effort to get the population to destroy rats and mice has proved utterly fruitless, although a premium of 2 cents per head was offered. However, as the result of a telegram from the Grand Vizier, the Governor-General and the Emir of Mecca sent a squadron of cavalry from Mecca, under the command of an energetic sanitary officer, who in 4 days gave the streets of Djeddah a much needed cleaning. He has also rendered efficient help in cleaning and disinfecting dwellings where cases of plague have occurred.

On May 23 the steamship *Moshtari* arrived at Djeddah from Bassorah. Eight cases of plague had occurred on board during the voyage. It is possible that the disease was contracted at Bahrein during the voyage. The usual measures were taken for disinfection of vessel and destruction of rats, and no new cases occurred. At Bassorah on June 1 there was a death from plague; particulars are lacking. In consequence of these facts vessels arriving from Bassorah were subjected to five days' quarantine, from June 4 to 18. As no new cases occurred up to the latter date, quarantine was then removed.

As soon as news of plague at Bassorah reached Bagdad, active measures were taken there. The city was divided into 3 quarters, each being placed under the charge of 2 special sanitary officers, with orders to examine the sick and report suspicious symptoms. An additional force of street cleaners was enlisted, and other sanitary measures were enforced. The health of the city has been unusually good.

Several recent cases of plague at Alexandria and Port Said have led to a quarantine of 48 hours against arrivals from these ports, this quarantine being still in effect.

VENEZUELA.

Reports from Caracas—Quarantine against Trinidad on account of plague.

The following is received from Minister Russell, under date of June 24, through the Department of State:

Owing to the appearance of several cases of bubonic plague in Trinidad all communication between that island and Venezuelan ports has been cut off and no mail is permitted to be sent to Trinidad through the post-office at Caracas. The minister adds that these sanitary measures have been in force since June 10.

Transfer of lepers to new hospital near La Guaira.

Minister Russell further reports, July 9:

The new national leper hospital on the seashore near La Guaira has been completed and is now ready for occupancy. The old hospital in Caracas has been abandoned, and the 110 leper patients have been transferred to the new hospital. This transfer was made in the early hours of the morning, the English railway employing for the purpose old open freight cars, which were all brought back to the Caracas station and burned. The new hospital is a very large and commodious building and is in an isolated spot on the seashore between Cape Blanco and Maiquetia.